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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### High School Commencement. Baptist Pastor Arrived. Union Welcome Service Held.

The commencement exercises of the high school begins on Sunday, May 28, with the baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. Segers, pastor of the Lutheran church, Columbia. The musical recital will be on Friday evening and the graduating exercises on Tuesday evening. Dr. John E. White of Anderson, was to have delivered the address of Tuesday evening, but he has recently undergone an operation which will prevent his coming. This is a great disappointment to all, not to hear Dr. White but Rev. Segers has consented to remain over and deliver the address, which will be learned with pleasure, for Mr. Segers is a fine and eloquent speaker.

Mrs. Mattie Denny will go to Spartanburg next week to attend the graduation of her daughter, Miss Antoinette Denny, at Converse college.

Rev. and Mrs. Brock arrived from Danville, Va., on Wednesday and a cordial welcome was given them by the members of the Baptist church and they were soon domiciled in the parsonage which had been made ready for them. There was a generous pounding by the members, and the pantry looked tempting.

On Sunday morning Rev. Brock filled the pulpit of the Baptist church, using as a text from Acts 23, this verse, "What shall I do Lord?" the theme of his discourse being "The consecrated life." Mr. Brock is an earnest, effective and magnetic speaker, and holds his hearers with rapt attention. He is a man called of God and his coming here and identifying himself as the under Shepherd of these people, will bring forth much good.

A union welcome service was held on Sunday evening. Rev. Thacker of the Methodist church and Rev. Kester of the Lutheran church calling in their services, and all worshipping at the Baptist church and these two extended a most cordial welcome to the new pastor in behalf of their churches. Rev. Brock responded feelingly and said that every hour since he and his family had arrived there had been some evidence of good will and welcome.

On Wednesday evening an informal reception will be held in the Sunday school rooms of the Baptist church and it is hoped that every member of the church will be present to get better acquainted with Rev. and Mrs. Brock.

Everyone is delighted that Miss Sara Stevens is at home again, she having just completed a most successful term in the graded school of McCormick.

Miss Mary Lucia Mobley has been elected one of the assistant teachers in the music department of Coker college.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bland have returned from their honeymoon and are domiciled in the home of Mrs. Hattie Parrish.

Mrs. James White attended the musical festival at Spartanburg last week.

Miss Elizabeth Shell who has been teaching in the Hardy school has returned to her home in Laurens, a very successful year having ended.

Miss Bell of Ellenton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. P. Casselles.

An affair that was beautiful in every detail was the five o'clock tea given by Mrs. J. L. Walker in compliment to Miss Martha Watson, whose marriage has been announced for June 16. The hostess was assisted by Misses Lucile Smith, Marion Mobley and Mrs. Mims Walker, and while the guests were arriving sweet music was enjoyed. Each one was asked to write a recipe and when these had been gathered up they were bound in a hand-painted booklet and presented to Miss Watson. Later all were invited to the dining room where everything was beautiful with the color motif of pink and white. No cloth was used and pink under the beautiful service mats, and a huge bowl of Dorothy Perkins roses formed the centerpiece. Grape fruit was first served then salads with other tempting viands

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## Horn's Creek.

(Written for last week.)

Horn's Creek and Edgefield have formed a mutual admiration society. Whenever the mission societies have any members present from either of the other societies, they immediately begin to compliment each other.

On Monday afternoon, May 8, a number of Horn's Creek society members came over to the temperance-mission meeting at the Baptist church, and on Saturday, Mrs. E. P. Jones, Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Mims were invited to attend a meeting at the hospitable home of Mrs. S. B. Mays. As soon as we arrived they began to say that Edgefield did such beautiful things in such a beautiful way and how they had enjoyed the Monday afternoon meeting. Then began a most amiable controversy over which would bear off the laurels, Horn's Creek or Edgefield. The Edgefield ladies declared unanimously that Horn's Creek won the victory.

Mrs. Walter Miller is the beloved president of this society, and a large number were present, considering the church membership, sufficient to fill Mrs. Mays' spacious parlor.

Visitors also from Edgefield were Mrs. Sallie Moseley and Mrs. Ben Jones, both of whom added good cheer to the occasion, and also Mrs. Walter Nicholson of the Berea society. Mrs. Miller read very feelingly a portion of scripture, and talks were made by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Mims.

At the close of the program a lovely silk quilt was exhibited which had been made by the ladies of the society. Mr. P. B. Wise fell heir to this lovely quilt, having drawn the fortunate number.

The ladies were invited into the dining room and refreshed in the most delightful way, by a two course luncheon, an elaborate salad course with ice tea and ice cream and pound cake. This was a delightful social occasion, with the tables surrounded by loving and congenial friends.

The quilt was sold for the benefit of the fence around the cemetery at Horn's Creek, brought \$16, and Mrs. Jessie Crafton who had charge of this was very grateful for all the help she received. Mr. P. B. Wise became the fortunate possessor of the quilt.

Mrs. J. L. Mims.

## Wheat Increase in the South.

Washington, D. C., May 16.—Commenting to-day on the report of the United States Agricultural Department on the condition of winter wheat as of May 1, President Harrison, of Southern Railway Company, said:

"From a Southern viewpoint it is gratifying to note that, while the department figures indicate that the total crop in the United States will be 155,765,000 bushels below the crop of last year, they indicate an increase of 3,054,000 bushels in the Southern States traversed by the lines of Southern Railway Company. Increases are shown for each of the States of Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee, and slight decreases in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Mississippi. These figures afford another illustration of the tendency of Southern farmers to get away from the one-crop system of farming, and to strengthen the economic position of the South by growing a large proportion of its food supplies. The same tendency is strikingly shown by the marked increase in the number and improvement in the quality of live stock in every Southern State, as was illustrated by a recent census of hogs in South Carolina, showing an increase of more than 150 per cent. since 1910."

There was not even standing room in the crowded car, for it was at the rush hour, but one more passenger, a young woman, wedged her way along just inside the doorway.

Each time the car made a sudden lurch forward she fell helplessly back, and three times she landed in the arms of a large, comfortable man on the back platform. The third time it happened he said, quietly:

"Excuse me, miss, but hadn't you better stay here."—New York Journal.

## TRENTON LETTER.

### High School Closes Profitable Session. Prize Winning Essays. L. T. L. Held Meeting.

(Written for Last Week.)

The coming together of the community for commencement exercises is significant of deep meaning. It proves that community spirit is awakened, and nothing assists to create this spirit or this inspiration like a wide-awake-progressive-up-to-date school, such as we have had for the past two years (this year having pre-eminence over last) under the able superintendence of Prof. Scott and his excellent co-workers, Misses Maude Moore, Sadie Long, Ruth Salter and Mae Harrison. It is, therefore, no wonder then that long before the appointed hour on Tuesday evening last the school building was filled with happy parents, interested relatives and friends to witness the culmination of the year's work, and the hearty applause with which each song, each drill, each number was greeted evidenced the fact that the greatest delight and satisfaction prevailed. A play entitled "The Hoodoo," was splendidly presented by the High School, and showed much skill and ability in the performers. The following was the program for the graduating exercises Wednesday morning, the crowd perhaps being larger than that of the previous evening:

Song, "America."

Salutatory, James Spearman.

Essay, "Colonial Mothers or Colonial Days." (Prize essay for D. A. R. Medal.)

Essay, "Value of Total Abstinence to a Life." (Prize Essay for W. C. T. U. Medal.)

Instrumental Duet, Grace Salter and Mary H. Harrison.

Literary Address, Dr. Reed Smith of Columbia, S. C.

Class Prophecy, Sue Mae Herlong.

Instrumental Solo, Laurie Moore.

Class Will and Testament, Tom Salter.

Presentation of Medals.

Presentation of Certificates.

Valedictory, Marion Clarke.

Chorus, "Springtime."

The essay for the D. A. R. medal was won by Miss Louise Padgett, while Miss Mattie Lee Long was winner of the medal for the W. C. T. U. essay, the former being presented by Rev. E. C. Bailey, the latter by Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse.

It was a great privilege to hear Dr. Reed Smith. By his philosophy and humor he held his hearers fascinated.

In a few well chosen words Mr. J. M. Vann presented the certificates to Misses Sue Mae Herlong and Marion Clarke, Messrs. James Spearman and Tom Salter.

When the program was concluded a bountiful picnic dinner was enjoyed, and the afternoon given over to base ball, two games having been played between Graniteville and Trenton, the latter being successful in both.

We deplore the fact that with the closing of this scholastic year our association with Prof. Scott as an educator in the Trenton school ceases, for he has had the welfare of the school at heart for the past two years, and has worked faithfully, and the result of his labor is in evidence. The friends of Prof. Scott are heart-sick over his resignation as superintendent, realizing that the school is in the midst of an era of prosperity never before known in its history. The Trenton High School under his leadership has won a high place among the schools of South Carolina, and his loss will be felt by the whole county. It is also deeply regretted that Miss Maude Moore and Miss Ruth Salter will not teach here next session.

Mr. E. J. Lorricks and his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Preston, from Crescent City, are guests of relatives here. In compliment to Mrs. Preston, Mrs. S. A. Morrall entertained three tables of rook on Friday afternoon. Most of the guests present were friends of Mrs. Preston in their girlhood days, and many little amusing incidents were recounted that awakened fond memories of the past. Mrs. Morrall's entertainments are usually marked by an originality and cleverness peculiarly her own, and this one was no exception to her general rule. The com-

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## HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

### North Augusta Commencement. Mr. Osmond Scott Welcomed Into Church. Rain Needed.

Dear Advertiser: Another week gone and no rain yet. It is distressing, the farmers hav'n't a stand of anything up and it can't come up. The gardens are burnt up, no vegetables to cook, and harvest season at hand. That means with us, lots of hands to feed and nothing to boil, makes meat, bread and potatoes fly, with butter milk to wash it down. We must be thankful we have that, for by the present outlook we may not have that much. The potatoes cannot come up and the pastures are drying up, so the cows and hogs are in need of grass and water, as the branches have gone dry. The oat crop generally suffered for rain and are not as good as they would have been could we have had rain.

Saturday last was the barbecue day of the Mariwether Agricultural Club when the ladies were invited and we who were there did enjoy the dinner and being together so much. It was quite a pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cogburn with us that day and we have their promise to be with us at the annual one which comes off July 20. The regular election of officers of the club was held Saturday. Mr. Walter Cheatham was re-elected president. Mr. Philip Markert vice-president (as that chair was vacant since the death of Dr. R. L. McKie.) Mr. John H. Mealing secretary, Mr. Alvin Stevens treasurer. Messrs. John Mealing, Herbert Bunch and Philip Markert were appointed to make addresses at this meeting and Messrs. Mealing and Bunch responded. Mr. Mealing gave quite a good address on the inoculation of lands, showing he had made quite a study of his subject. Every one enjoyed the dining and hope to have that pleasure often.

Mr. and Mrs. Roper Day and their little family were down in their new "Buick," Mr. and Mrs. Dorian Swearingen were with them. Miss Beatrice Stevens was running her "Buick," Mr. Markert and family in their "Dodge." The roads are in fine condition for the machines now except for the dust.

Dr. Traylor Briggs has taken his mother, Mrs. Ellie Briggs, sister Mrs. Cobb Mathis and baby and sister-in-law, Mrs. T. J. Briggs to Pendergrass, Ga., to attend the commencement week, this week. We know they will enjoy the trip, as they are visiting Mrs. T. J. Briggs' brother and family, Mr. Sohn Getzen. Mrs. Briggs will be missed at the missionary meeting Thursday, which will meet with Miss Beatrice Stevens. We hope to have a good attendance and also to be able to attend the Horn's Creek meeting next Saturday.

Miss Mary Townes returned home a week ago from her school at Sheldon, S. C. She reports quite a pleasant stay there. Mrs. Georgia McKie took Mrs. Townes and Miss Mary to Augusta last Tuesday morning in her car and home for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKie and Mrs. Wyley Wells, motored to Augusta Saturday and made Mrs. Harry Bunch a pop call on their way home.

Mrs. Harry Bunch and children visited Mrs. Frances Townes Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia Townes and Miss Mary Townes called for a few minutes Friday afternoon on Mrs. Sallie Bunch, who is still quite feeble.

Mrs. Luta C. Baymon returned home from a visit to Augusta of a week and half.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeLaughter and Miss DeLaughter, from the Red Hill section, visited Miss Lanier and Mrs. Shaw last Friday, then went to Augusta Saturday. We were very glad to have Mrs. DeLaughter with us on Sunday at Hardy's church, and appreciate her kindness in playing the organ for us.

Were glad to welcome Mr. Osmond Scott into our church on Sunday. He is just home from the Edisto school.

The North Augusta commencement takes place May 30. We received an invitation from Miss

## Harmony School Picnic.

The editor of The Advertiser spent an exceedingly pleasant day at Harmony Saturday. At the close of the school—one of the best schools in the county, or State either, for that matter—following their custom of several years standing the patrons and people of the community gave a neighborhood picnic, one of the kind for which Harmony has become far-famed. We arrived a little late, and were surprised to see such a great throng. A larger number of buggies, carriages and automobiles one seldom sees at a country gathering than were in the Harmony grove Saturday.

As we drove up two ball teams were measuring their strength and skill on the athletic field, which lies just east of the grove. The game was being umpired by Luther Smith, whose decisions were fair and impartial. In the afternoon the game was finished, but we did not learn the score.

The day was passed very pleasantly by all present. Those who did not witness the game of ball gathered in groups under the trees and engaged in pleasant conversation. Many of the ladies were seated in automobiles, while others gathered in the church. Many young people preferred a tete-a-tete to the groups, and in this way Cupid got in some effective work for the day.

Prof. Long hopes to have the new school building by the opening of the session of 1916-17. Plans and specifications are now being drawn by a competent architect, and as soon as these are completed the contract will be let for the \$8,000 brick building. It will be located on an eminence east of the church, instead of the western edge of the beautiful grove where the old building stands. The location will be ideal, and this will be among the best rural school buildings in the State. We do not know of anything in this section anywhere that can at all approach it. It will be one of the best buildings in the State, located in the heart of one of the best communities in the State, presided over by some of the best teachers in the State, and backed by the best people in the State. Being thus equipped and supported, what is to prevent it from being one of the very best schools in the State. Prof. Long told The Advertiser's representative Friday that another, the fourth teacher, will be added for the next session.

In spite of the great throng, Harmony, as everybody knew would be the case, served a dinner on the long table that was practically limitless in quantity. Not only was the quantity bountiful, but the quality and variety could not be improved upon. The hosts and hostesses of the school and community did their part nobly and well in the matter of dispensing hospitality and entertaining their friends, but the people themselves, at least some of them, were impatient and crowded more than usual about the table, creating some confusion and making it difficult for those who served the dinner.

A very pleasant day was spent at Harmony by at least one thousand people. Such an occasion is always helpful, wholesome and uplifting, and we know of no community or people who are more generous or more gracious than the good people of Harmony. One reason for their success in every undertaking is found in the spirit of unity and co-operation that prevails in the community. The community is well named, as everything that is undertaken by its people is characterized by the utmost Harmony.

Marjorie McKie, who is to graduate. Many thanks to Miss Marjorie.

We received an invitation to attend the commencement of the High School of Charleston where Master Edward Bunch graduated last week. He will attend the Citadel next fall. We hope he may spend a part of his vacation with us this summer, as that is the only time we can have our boy with us.

Messrs. Willie and Charlie and Miss Lucile Burkhalter and Miss Sallie Hammond motored to Columbia Sunday.

Miss Stella Hammond from Colliers is visiting her cousin, Miss Genie Hammond of North Augusta, also Mrs. Meadie Hammond.

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## "UNCLE" IV WRITES.

### Likes Letters of Mr. Wright. Two Communications That Pass Between "Uncle" Iv and Mr. Scott.

Well, old friend, I am still here and feeling better than you than when I wrote you before. So I must have been mistaken about the dry weather and the dust making me feel badly, as it is still dry and the dust yesterday filled the air in clouds but we had a very light shower of rain last night. Yesterday evening everybody thought from the looks of the clouds that a good rain would surely fall. Even the little ants quit work and when you saw one it was traveling for its nest, but both ants and man were disappointed. There is lying in the south now a long bank of clouds and we may get some rain yet before the weather clears again. Oats and wheat are about all cut, and in most cases better than was expected. Some late variety of wheat is still green.

The cotton planted early in April, even where the stand was not good, has been chopped and dirted and growing some and corn that had a liberal fertilizer looks well and has been worked out.

Mr. Editor, what has Russell Wright been up to now? Is he the man that struck Billy Patterson? If he is he must be getting close on to Methuselah in age and I would not be surprised as Billy Patterson was dead long ago. But still I can't account for Wright being in Oconee county, so near to Rabon county in Georgia and near the line of North Carolina. Oh, yes, I see now, he is after playing a Villa game and if the sheriff in South Carolina gets after him he can just step over into North Carolina and before the authorities can agree in the two Carolina's he can just step across into Georgia and before papers or conferences can be had he can just get him an aeroplane and sail to the mountains and hide in a cave and say: "Would like to see you get me now." But I do wish Russell Wright would write more, for I nearly always look for something from him. I am not acquainted with him at all only through The Advertiser but he was a soldier in the Confederate army and that tells the story of why I like to hear from him.

I am sending you a letter from H. H. Scott, an old comrade of company I, 2nd South Carolina cavalry. Why do I send it? Because I sometimes think there are people who do not believe the old soldiers love each other and I want them to read a letter from one to another. I call it one of my love letters for that is what it is. I know it is, for I know the man from whom it came and don't doubt his love for me. No not one minute. I have answered his letter and if the letter I send you is printed in your paper I give him permission to send my reply to you to be printed if you see fit to do so.

Well, there is to be a Sunday school picnic at the church where we attend tomorrow and I am looking forward to a pleasant day with you young ones.

Uncle Iv.

Harlem, Ga.

Mr. Scott's Letter.

Dear "Uncle" Iv and Comrade: I have just finished reading your letter in The Advertiser and it is the first time that I have seen where a letter would reach you as I wanted to write you and I am always glad to hear from my comrades, and especially those that belonged to company I. That was near and dear to me, as you say the older we get the more we think of each other. I have hanging on the walls of my house in my hall several general's pictures and when I get to Gen. Hampton's as I look at them every day I shed tears, as he was a true friend of mine while I scouted for him. I will never forget what he said to the scouts two days before we surrendered. He sent for us and when we got to him he said: "Boys I have sent for you to tell you that we are going to surrender, and I want to go, and not be at the surrender, for the Yankees may demand you. And I want to bid each and every one of you an affectionate farewell. Keep away from the towns and go home

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